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Mr. Alfonso Rodriguez
Director of Training
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

The Defense Intelligence School is initiating a new academic program in FY-74 which, when Congressional authorization is received, will award the degree of Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence to a limited number of students annually. The purpose of this letter is to invite your agency to participate in the program and to nominate two qualified civilians to enroll in the pilot class which convenes on 10 September 1973.

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In brief, the nine-month Postgraduate Course (PGIC) will serve as the core curriculum for the Master's degree program. Additionally, the PGIC will be augmented for those enrolled in the program with a series of elective classes which will be taught at the School by university professors, resident faculty and renowned government authorities. Following their graduation from the PGIC, candidates for the MSSSI degree will participate in a one year on-the-job practicum and must submit an original intelligence paper based upon some aspect of their assignment. A comprehensive examination by a committee of intelligence authorities will also be required.

This program has been approved for pilot implementation by both the Director, DIA and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), and the General Counsel's office is currently drafting the legislative proposal in support of it. Once congressional approval is obtained, the degree will be awarded retroactively to those who have previously completed all requirements.

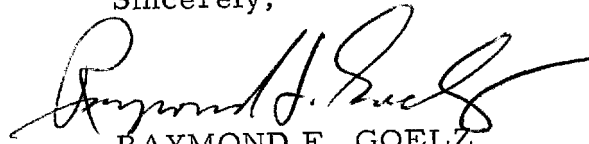
The only prerequisite for admission to the program is the possession of an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university with at least a "B" academic grade average. Since the majority of students in the PGIC will be military officers in grades O-2 through O-4, it is suggested that civilian nominees be primarily from the GS-9 to GS-12 CSC grade categories.

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If you desire additional information concerning this program, I shall arrange for Dr. Robert Plumb to provide you and members of your staff with a detailed briefing at your convenience.

We hope it will be possible for your agency to participate in this important new program which should substantially enhance the intelligence expertise and professionalism of selected career personnel throughout the intelligence community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Raymond F. Goelz", with a stylized, flowing script.

RAYMOND F. GOELZ

Colonel, USAF

Acting Commandant